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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0035] with the following paragraph:

BI Referring to Figure 1, a string trimmer 10 comprises an elongate shaft 13, a rear handle 11 attached to one end of the elongate shaft 13, an electrical trigger switch 12 located below the rear handle 11, a front support handle 14 attached part way along the elongate shaft 13, an electrical cable 15 capable of carrying electrical current and entering the elongate shaft 13 at a location below the rear handle 11, a motor housing 16 attached to the other end of the elongate shaft 13 in which is mounted an electric motor (not shown), a semi-circular protection guard 17 attached to the motor housing 16 having a semi-circular edge ~~474~~ 176, a cutting head 18 rotatably driven by the electric motor, a cutting line 19 which extends from the cutting head 18, and a plant protector 20 pivotally attached to the protection guard 17 at two pivot points 211;212 in symmetrical fashion.